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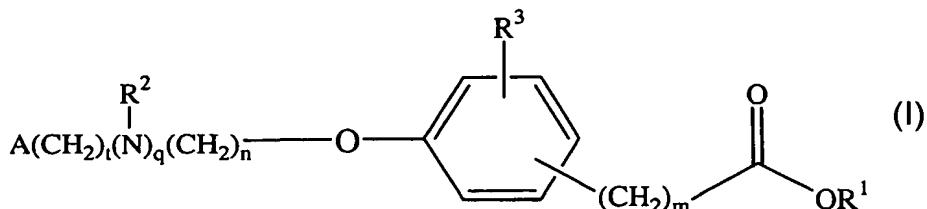
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(57) Abstract: Agents useful for the treatment of various metabolic disorders, such as insulin resistance syndrome, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, fatty liver disease, cachexia, obesity, atherosclerosis and arteriosclerosis are disclosed. Formula (I) wherein n is 1 or 2; m is 0, 1, 2, 4 or 5; q is 0 or 1; t is 0 or 1; R<sup>2</sup> is alkyl from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; A is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy; or cycloaldyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloaldyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl; or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaromatic ring having 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S and O and the heteroaromatic ring is covalently bound to the remainder of the compounds of formula (I) by a ring carbon; and R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms. Alternatively, when R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, the biologically active agent can be a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound of Formula (I).

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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